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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action mailed March 23, 2001 for the above-captioned application, please make the following amendments:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 5.

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (amended) A method for screening for gastritis and classification of identified gastritis conditions in a mammal suspected of suffering from gastritis comprising determining the levels of at least three indicators in a biological sample from a mammalian patient, wherein the indicators are H,K-ATPase antibodies, Helicobacter pylori antibodies, and pepsinogen I, and comparing the levels of the indicators in the patient sample to a standard matrix representing levels of the same indicators in normal mammals of the same species, and classifying the patient as not suffering from gastritis, or as suffering from a form of gastritis selected from the group consisting of duodenal ulcer, non-atrophic antrum predominant gastritis, atrophic antrum predominant gastritis, non-atrophic pangastritis, atrophic pangastritis, non-atrophic corpus predominant gastritis and atrophic corpus predominant gastritis by identifying

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